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Letter from Commissioner Vilaseca and Commissioner Davis on H1N1

Audience: All

Please review this important letter from Education Commissioner Armando Vilaseca and Health Commissioner Wendy Davis including guidance for schools in preparation for an anticipated resurgence of the H1N1 virus this fall in schools. Visit

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_media/H1N1_planning.html#joint.

Contact: Jill Remick at (802) 828-3154 or jill.remick@state.vt.us

Prekindergarten Education Checklist

Audience: Superintendents, Principals, Special Education Directors, Coordinators of Early Education Initiative and Essential Early Education Programs

This checklist is to be used by school districts and their partners to verify that they are operating in compliance with the specifics of Act 62 and the prekindergarten education (pre-K) rules. Visit

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_earlyed/prekindergarten.html#checklist.

Contact: Manuela Fonseca at (802) 828-3850 or manuela.fonseca@state.vt.us

Title IID Competitive Grant awarded to VPA, UVM, Tarrant Foundation, Vita-Learn

Audience: Superintendents, Principals, Technology Coordinators

A collaborative group from the Vermont Principals Association, University of Vermont, The Tarrant Foundation and Vita-Learn has been awarded the competitive Title IID grant entitled "Statewide Professional Development for Technology Rich Classrooms". This \$200,000 grant is being used to initially develop six model classrooms around the state, (one in each region), that can be used for visitation sites for schools that are exploring or implementing technology rich classrooms, either through 1:1 computing programs or by implementing multiple computer carts in the school. This program seeks to address the changes in teacher practice that occurs when all the students have robust access to computing technology throughout the school day. Student-centered learning, project based learning and other 21st century teaching modes will be the focus. Look for the application process this early fall for a school in your region to be one of the original six. Questions? Contact Ellen at the Vermont Principals Association: Ellen Kane (ekane@vpaonline.org or (802) 229-0547)

Contact: Peter Drescher, Education Technology Coordinator at (802) 828-5149 or peter.drescher@state.vt.us

An Introductory Forum on School-Wide Positive Behavioral Supports (PBS) With Dr. George Sugai

Audience: Superintendents, Principals, Special Education Administrators, PBS interested Schools

This training is a learning opportunity is for individuals and schools who are exploring Positive Behavioral Supports (PBS) and possible school-wide implementation for Fall 2010. School-Wide Positive Behavioral Supports (PBS) is a systems approach to social competence for all children. For more information and a link to the flyer and registration form, visit

<http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html#forum>. Anyone is welcome. School staff are encouraged to attend as teams with a principal or assistant principal.

Fee: \$25 per person. Wednesday, September 30th 2009; 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (8:30 – 9:00 a.m. registration); Killington Grand Hotel, Killington. Registration deadline is September 20, 2009.

Contact: Sabine Baldwin at (802) 828-1636 or sabine.baldwin@state.vt.us; or UVM contact: Anne Dubie at (802) 656-5775 or anne.dubie@uvm.edu

From the Higher Education Collaborative:

Higher Education Collaborative Fall Courses

Audience: Educators

For the latest courses, programs and workshop opportunities from the Vermont Higher Education Collaborative, visit vthec.org. VTHEC is a collaboration of the Vermont State Colleges, University of Vermont and the Vermont Department of Education offering professional development opportunities. Contact: Liz Cunningham (802) 498-3350 or liz.cunningham@vthec.org

From the Agency of Natural Resources:

Science on the Green and Science at the Hatchery 2009

Audience: 4th and 8th Grade Science Educators

The Agency of Natural Resources is getting ready for you and your 4th through 8th graders to fill your minds with the science and management of Vermont Natural Resources. Wednesday, September 23, 2009 will be the Science on the Green at the Waterbury State Office Complex. On Tuesday, September 22, 2009 will be the Science at the Hatchery at the Pittsford National Fish Hatchery in the town of Chittenden. For more information visit <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/site/html/sotg/>. ANR will be ready for online Registration beginning today. Please visit the Web site for Workshop/Fieldtrips offerings and registration materials.

Contact: Rob Farley at (802) 241-3412 or Rebecca Roy at (802) 241-3651

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For the Department of Education Web site see: <http://education.vermont.gov/>. For upcoming events or professional development opportunities, see the DOE Calendar of Events located at: <http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html>.

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